



Connecticut Department
of
**ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENT**

April 19, 2012

Senator Andrew W. Roraback
Representative Paul Davis
Legislative Regulation Review Committee
State Capitol, Room 011
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Proposal to Reduce Regulatory Burdens

Dear Senator Roraback and Representative Davis:

Pursuant to section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I submit for your consideration and approval the enclosed proposal to amend or repeal certain of the air quality regulations, thereby reducing regulatory burdens on Connecticut businesses and administrative burdens on the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

While the changes include the elimination of certain non-core programs and the addition of compliance options, none of the proposed changes will detract from the state's ability to meet its air quality goals, including compliance with federal air quality standards and protection of the health of the state's citizens. DEEP staff resources freed by some changes in this proposal can be devoted to more immediate permitting and enforcement needs in DEEP's Bureau of Air Management.

This proposal has four components:

- The repeal of non-core air quality programs;
- The addition of fine particulate matter requirements to DEEP's new source review permitting program, to retain federal program approval;
- An exemption from Stage II vapor controls for certain vehicle fleets; and
- Additional compliance options for vehicle manufacturers under DEEP's low emission vehicle program.

An explanation of each component and reasons supporting the action are set out in the statement of purpose at the end of the regulatory proposal.

If there are any general questions regarding this proposal, please contact Robert LaFrance, DEEP's Legislative Liaison, at 860- 424-3401 (office) or 860-622-1797 (cell). If you have any substantive or rule drafting questions, please contact Merrily A. Gere of the Bureau of Air Management at 860-424-3416. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Daniel C. Esty
Commissioner

cc: Robert LaFrance, DEEP